

REMARKS

In the pending Office Action, the Examiner notes that the information disclosure statement filed on 9/10/03 failed to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each U.S. and foreign patent; each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. Applicant has enclosed the three (3) documents listed in the Foreign Patent Documents of the information disclosure statement for the Examiner's consideration.

The Examiner further noted that new corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the drawings are not proper due to both formal and technical matters. Additionally the Examiner has objected to the drawings as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4). Applicant submits a complete set of replacement drawing sheets complying with 37 CFR 1.121(d) as part of this response. Among other things, Applicant has amended the drawings to include numerals instead of letters to identify features of the drawings.

The Examiner has rejected claim 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because the specification, while being enabling for child car seat with a wheel assembly, does not reasonably provide enablement for the deployment and storage of the wheel assembly. The specification does not enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention commensurate in scope with these claims. The folding and consequently storage of the wheel assembly between its use and storage position is unclear and confusing. Furthermore, the locking of the wheel assembly is unclear and confusing, as the written disclosure fails to teach one of ordinary skill in the art how to make the wheels movable between a stored and deployed position without undue experimentation.

In response to this action, Applicant has amended the detailed description in the specification to include reference numerals consistent with those used in the replacement

sheets of the drawings. Further, Applicant has more clearly explained the use of the wheels with the present invention without adding new matter. Applicant also states that a number of methods found in unrelated art may be used to place wheels on the underside of the present car seat. In particular the methods known in the art involving skates that can be converted into shoes such as those found in U.S. Patent No. 3,983,643 to Schreyer et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,333,249 to Schaefer, U.S. Patent No. 5,797,609 to Fichpain, and U.S. Patent Nos. 6,120,039 and 6,343,800 to Clementi, U.S. Patent No. 6,336,644 to Chu, and U.S. Patent No. 6,394,468 to Chiang et al use methods of storing skate wheels on the underside of a shoe or boot. While it is important to note that this art (convertible skates) is not related to car seats or strollers, Applicant believes the methods used in this art may be adapted to be used with the present invention.


Applicant believes that all the claims of this application contain limitations which patentably distinguish them over the cited prior art and their allowance is hereby respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggesting for placing the present claims in better condition for allowance, Applicant's undersigned attorney would appreciate a telephone call at the number indicated below.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge any underpayment of fees or any additional fees due with respect hereto to our Deposit Account No. 08-1280.

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